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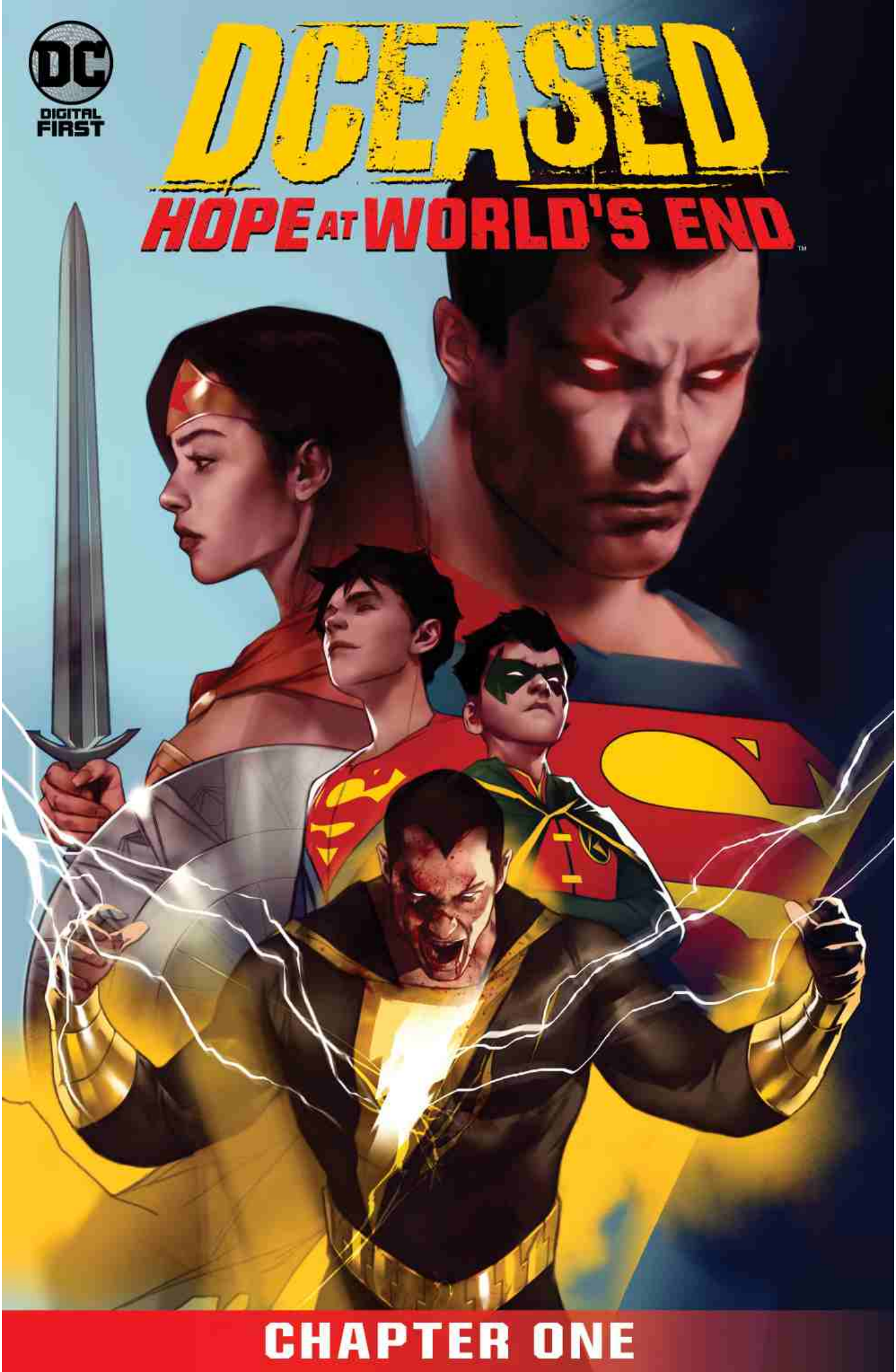
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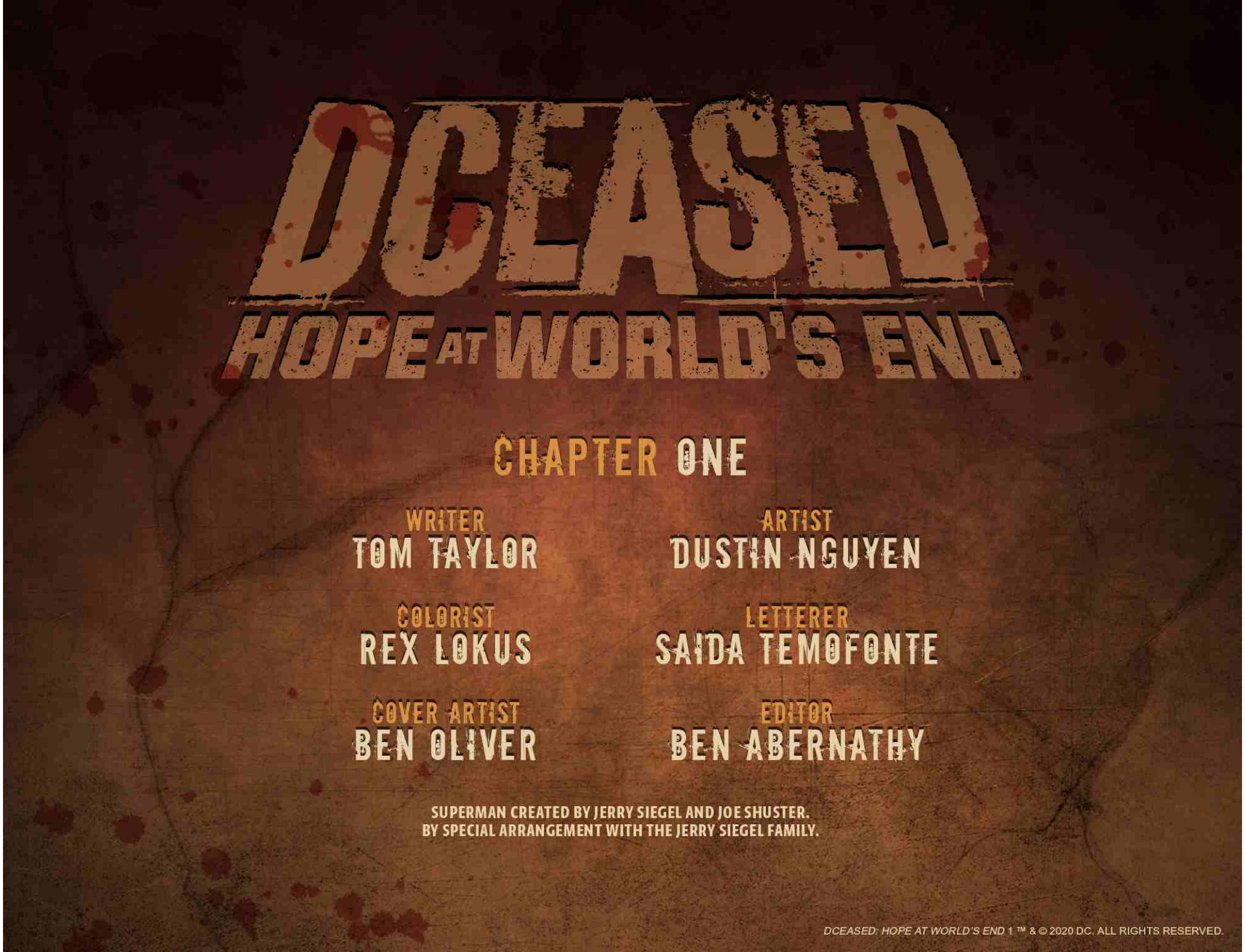


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I NEVER WANTED TO BE A WAR PHOTOGRAPHER.
BUT HERE WE ARE.
I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M DOCUMENTING THIS.
IT JUST FEELS LIKE THERE SHOULD BE A RECORD.
A RECORD OF THIS MOMENT.

OF THESE HEROES.
I WANT THEM TO BE REMEMBERED.

Editor In Chief
Perry White
TWO WEEKS AGO
THE DAILY PLANET.
JIMMY, THIS IS...I CAN'T BELIEVE I USED TO MAKE YOU FETCH COFFEE.
YOU GOT A PICTURE OF SUPERMAN BREAKING DARKSEID'S FACE.
YEP.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GOT SO CLOSE TO THAT FIGHT. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO YELL AT YOU OR KISS YOU.

CAN I FORMALLY REQUEST YOU DON'T DO BOTH AT THE SAME TIME, CHIEF?
A YELL-AND-KISS COMBO SOUNDS ALL KINDS OF DISTURBING.
THIS IS OUTSTANDING WORK, OLSEN. I COULDN'T BE MORE...
DING
CHIEF--?
YOU, AH, TRAILED OFF IN MID-PRAISE THERE, AND I DON'T WANT TO SEEM TOO DESPERATE FOR YOUR APPROVAL, BUT--
≥HNNG≤
CHIEF!

IT STARTED WITH A SINGLE SCREAM.
AAAGGGHHH!
AND THEN EVERYONE WAS SCREAMING...

...AND CHANGING.
CLK

I GRABBED THE PEOPLE AROUND ME. THE PEOPLE WHO WERE STILL THEMSELVES.
RON! CAT!
THE BROADCAST ROOM. GO!
CLOSE THE DOOR!
CLOSE THE DAMN DOOR!
WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING?
IT WAS A TECHNO-ORGANIC VIRUS, UNLEASHED ON THE WORLD.
A CORRUPTED ANTI-LIFE EQUATION FROM APOKOLIPS THAT TOOK HOLD OF ANYONE WHO SAW IT THROUGH DIGITAL DEVICES.

THE PHONES.
WHAT?
NO PHONES.
JIMMY! I HAVE TO CALL MY--
NO PHONES!
SSH
HRRK!
AIIGH!

THEY HAD BECOME BLIGHTED ONES.

AGENTS OF THE ANTI-LIFE EQUATION.
THUMP THUMP

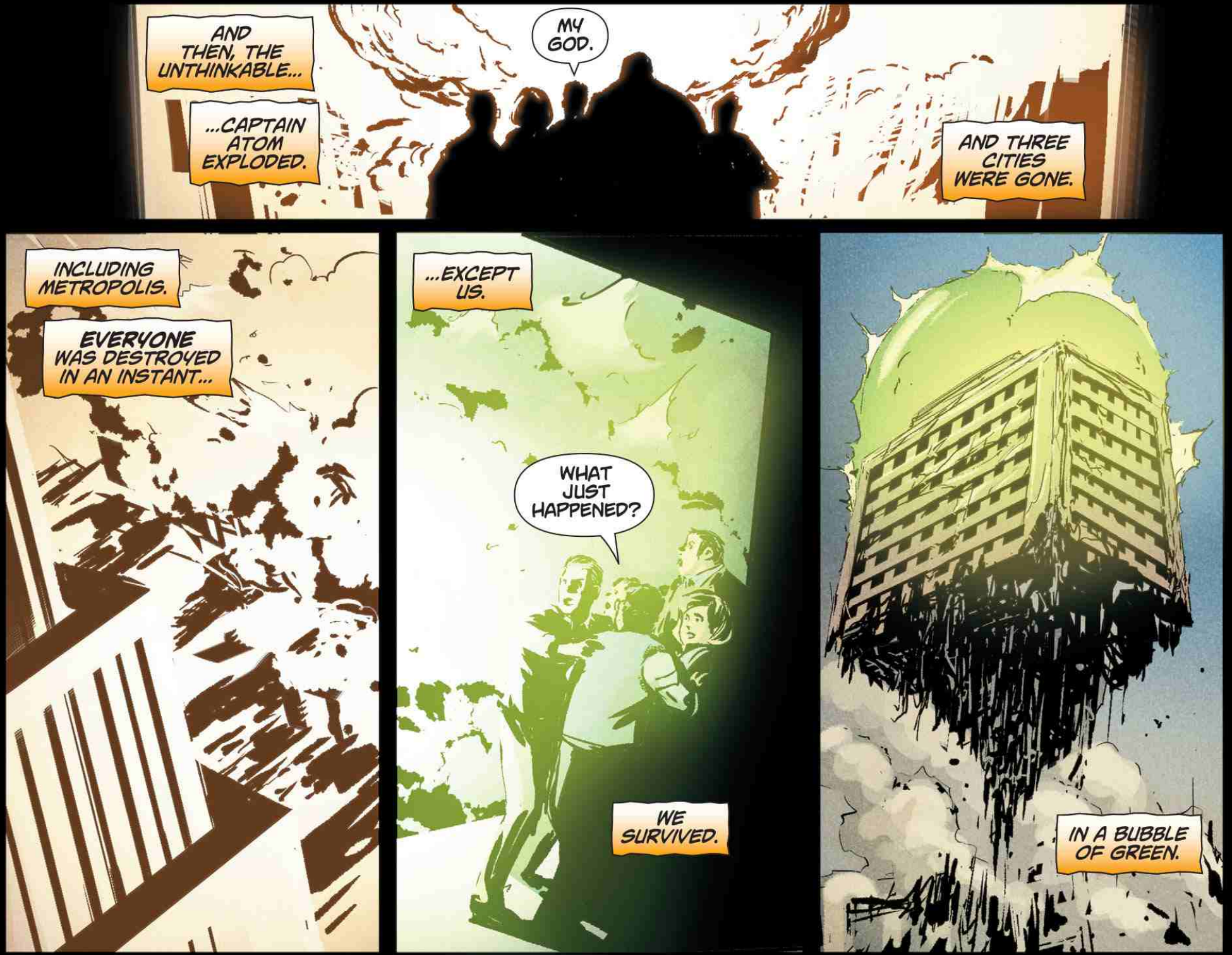
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THE DOOR! BARRICADE THE DOOR!

HOLD IT!!
HOLD--!
THMP
THMP
RRR.
AND THEN THERE WAS QUIET...
...AND A STREAK OF RED AND BLUE.

SUPERMAN.
I'M GLAD YOU...
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, JIMMY.
YOU DIDN'T USE YOUR SIGNAL WATCH?
NO. I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO NEEDED YOU.

CAN YOU LOOK AFTER THESE PEOPLE?
OF COURSE.
THAT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP. THANK YOU.
STAY HERE. STAY SAFE...
"...I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN."

IN THE TIME SUPERMAN WAS GONE, WE LOST SO MANY.
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD.
AND TOO MANY HEROES.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MY GOD.
AND THREE CITIES WERE GONE.
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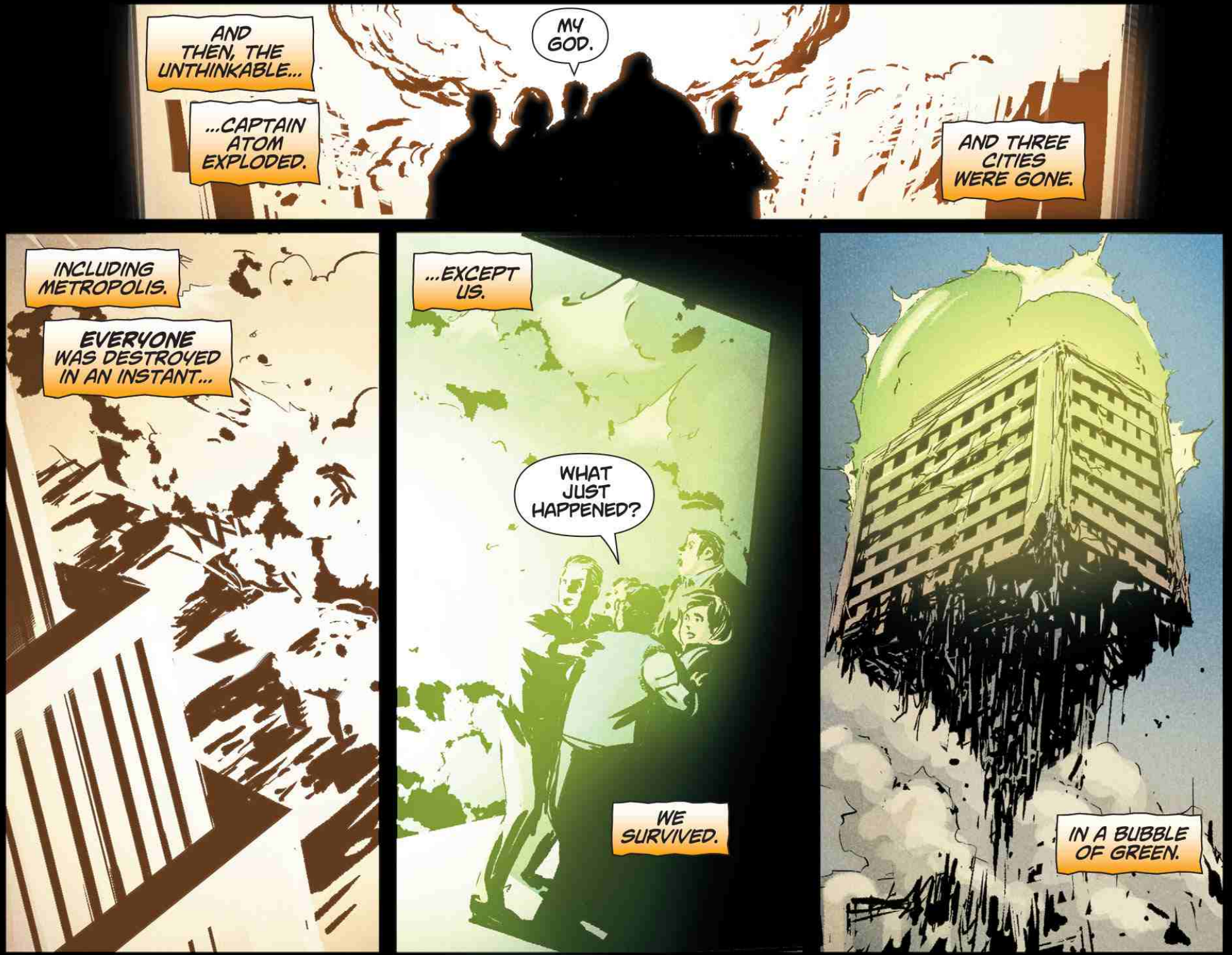
...EXCEPT US.
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
WE SURVIVED.
IN A BUBBLE OF GREEN.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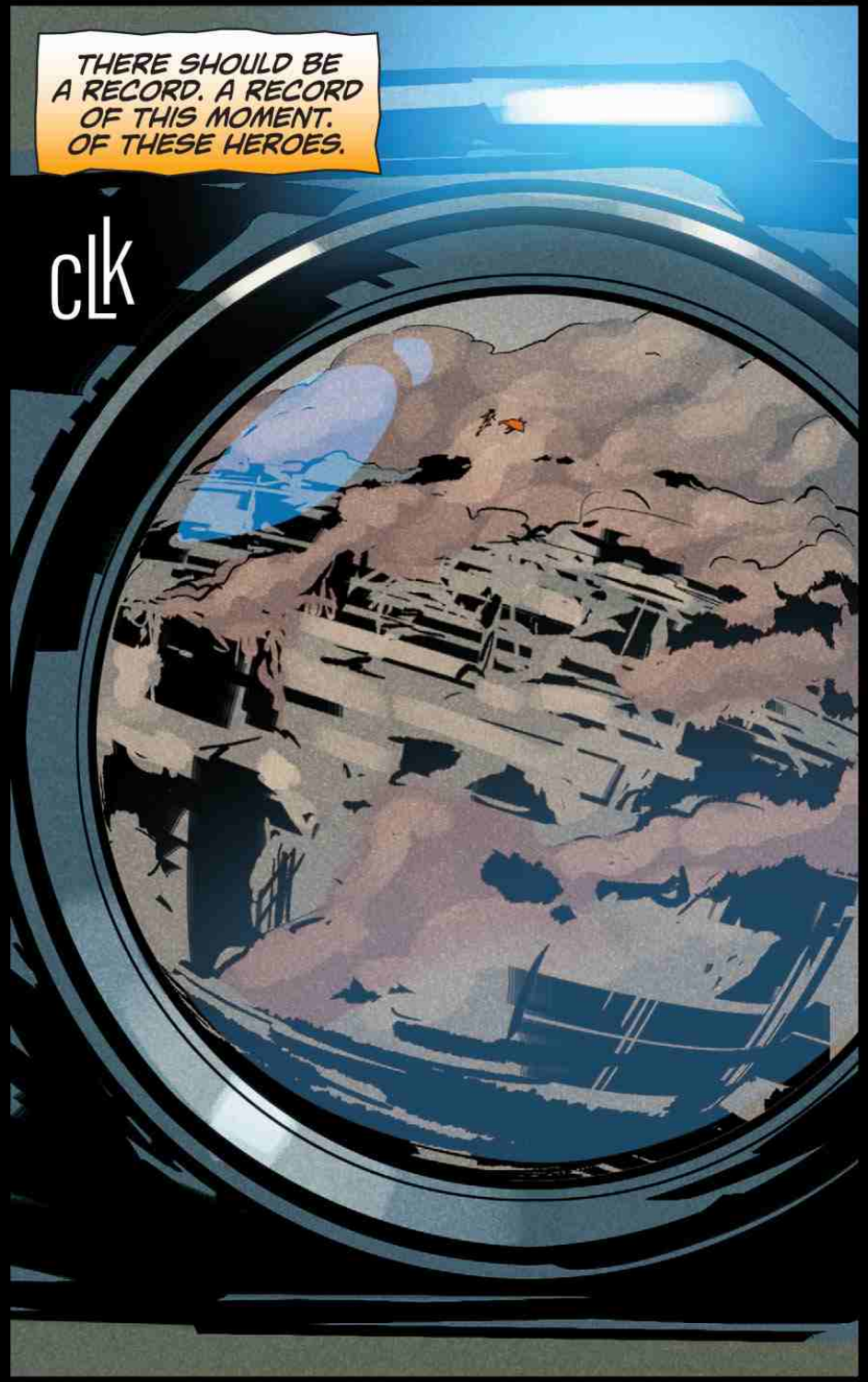
THE WHOLE CITY. OUR FRIENDS. OUR FAMILIES.
MOM. WHAT DO WE DO?
FOR THOSE OF US WHO LIVED IN METROPOLIS....
...IT WAS LIKE WE'D JUST LOST OUR WHOLE WORLD.
IT'S GONE.
IT'S ALL JUST... GONE.
THERE WAS NOTHING WE COULD DO.

BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP THE GUILT.
I'M SORRY.
LOSING OUR CITY SHOOK ME...
...SEEING A CRACK APPEAR IN THE MAN OF STEEL SHOOK ME ALMOST AS MUCH.

SUPERMAN IS MY BEST FRIEND.
SUPERMAN? ARE YOU--?
IT'S OKAY, DIANA. I'M READY.
I'D SEEN HIM HURT BEFORE, BUT NOT LIKE THAT.
JUST BECAUSE BULLETS BOUNCE OFF A GUY, IT DOESN'T MEAN HE'S INVULNERABLE.
READY TO WHAT?
READY TO HELP.
BUT AS QUICK AS THE CRACK APPEARED, IT WAS SEALED AGAIN.
LIKE ALL OF US, HE'D JUST LOST SO MUCH. FRIENDS. FAMILY. HIS CITY.
DINAH. TAKE EVERYONE TO THE ARCTIC. TO THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE.
LOIS WILL LET YOU IN.

BUT SUPERMAN WASN'T THINKING ABOUT WHO WAS GONE.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WHERE WE'RE NEEDED.
HE WAS ONLY THINKING ABOUT WHO WAS STILL OUT THERE.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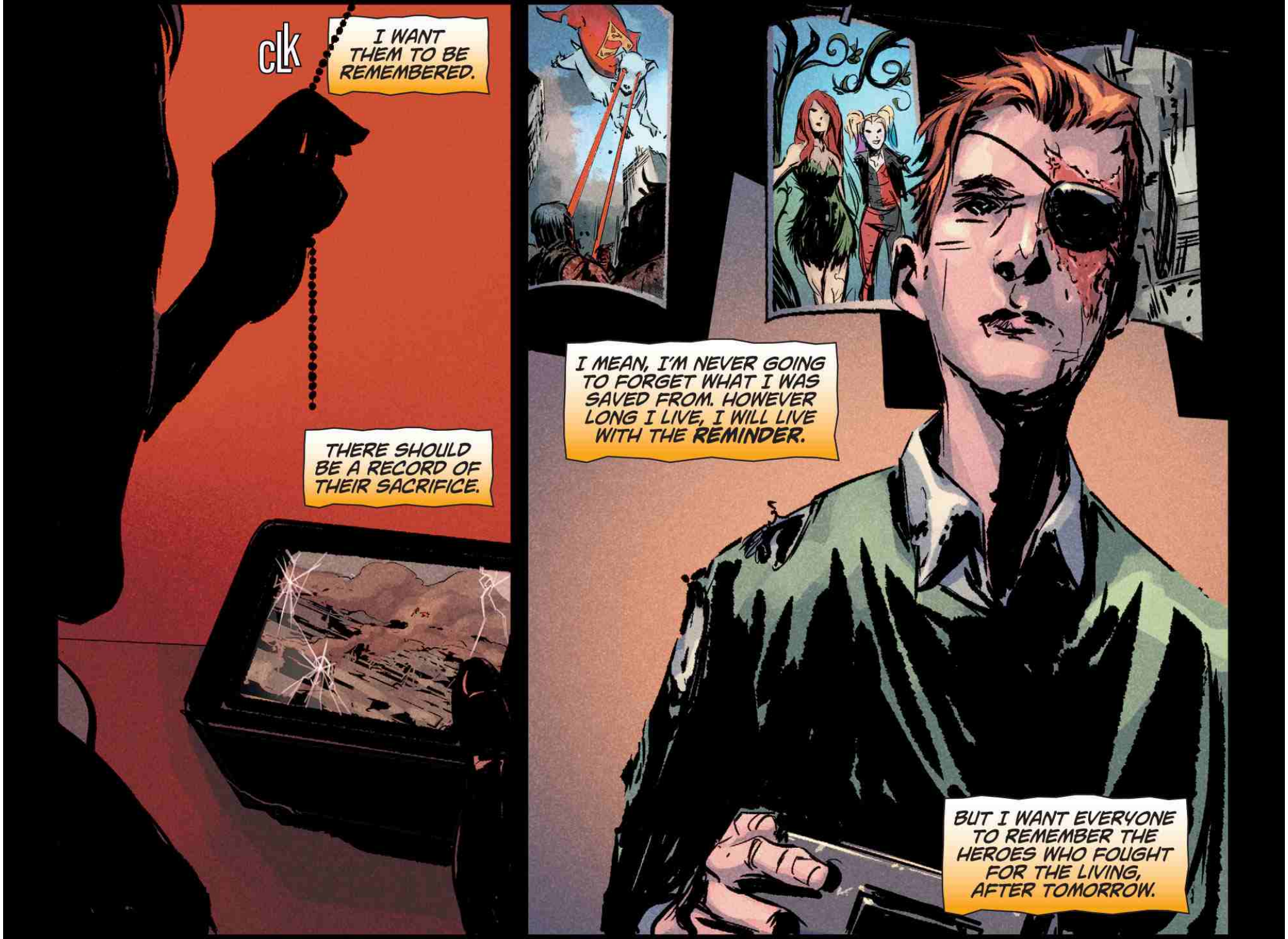
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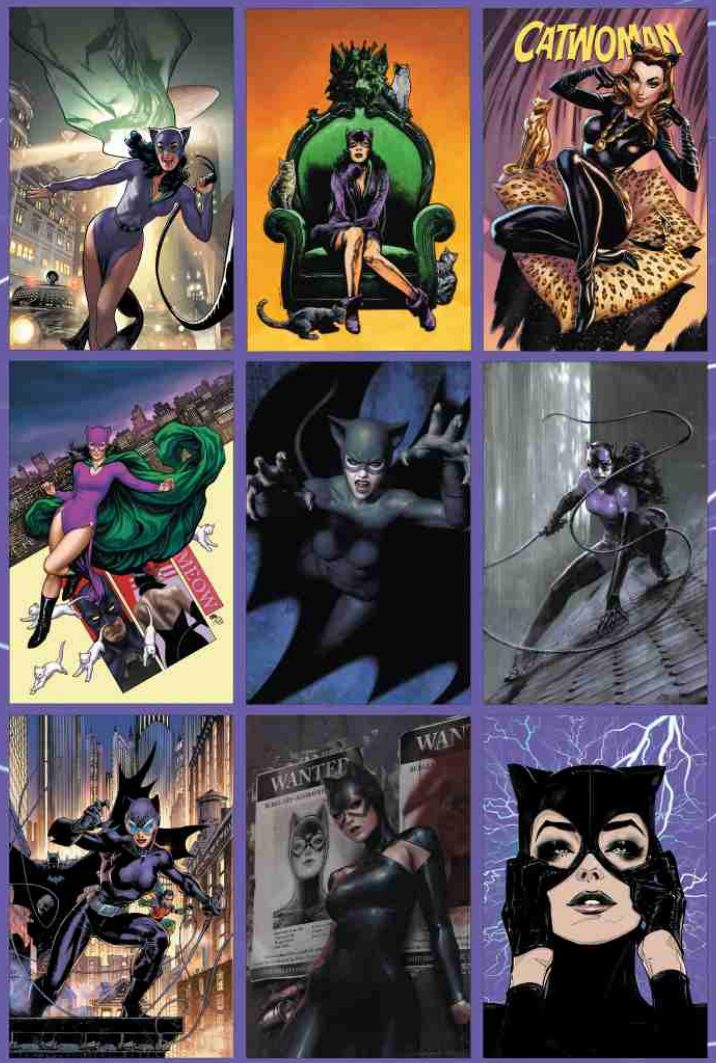
I WANT THEM TO BE REMEMBERED.
THERE SHOULD BE A RECORD OF THEIR SACRIFICE.
I MEAN, I'M NEVER GOING TO FORGET WHAT I WAS SAVED FROM. HOWEVER LONG I LIVE, I WILL LIVE WITH THE REMINDER.
BUT I WANT EVERYONE TO REMEMBER THE HEROES WHO FOUGHT FOR THE LIVING, AFTER TOMORROW.

TOMORROW COULD BE THEIR LAST DAY.
TOMORROW THE GREATEST HEROES LEFT ON EARTH TRY TO HALT THE ANTI-LIFE ARMY.
NEXT: PRELUDE TO THE ANTI-LIFE WAR

# A PURR-FECT CELEBRATION OF GOTHAM'S ICONIC FELINE FATALE!



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